## Facilities offered to Pulaya education in the time of Diwan Mr. Vijayaraghava Charya.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

103. (a) What are the educational facilities offered to Pulaya pupils in the regime of Diwan Mr. Vijayaraghava Charya, to attract them to schools ?

(b) Whether all those special encouragements are still in force ; and if so,

(c) How many pupils are being given such concessions in the current year ; and

(d) If the answer to part (b) is in the negative, what facilities have been withdrawn and the reasons for doing so ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

(a) (1) All schools were thrown open to them as far as practicable. (2) Pulaya pupils were only to pay half the rates of fees. (3) Special schools were opened in places where Pulayas lived in large numbers. (4) Clothes, books, slates, pencils and mid-day meals were supplied in Day Schools.

(b) All the above encouragements are still in force with the difference that since then fees have been totally abolished, and clothes, books, slates and pencils are now supplied in Night Schools as well, but feeding is restricted to once a week for those who have been attending school during the previous 4 days.

(c) All pupils of the depressed classes attending school are given such concessions. There were 1,192 Pulaya pupils on the rolls at the end of 1100, and all of them enjoyed the benefit of the concessions.

(d) Owing to financial stringency and with a view to obtain more regular attendance, restriction in the matter of feeding as pointed out in (b) had to be adopted.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

How many schools were opened? Do all of them exist now ?

Mr. C. MATTHAI.

Some aided schools and public schools were closed, aided schools being larger.

## Comparative cost of education conducted by Government and private agencies.

Mr. I. E. AMBOOKAN.

104. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a comparative statement showing the average cost per student

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